

SCARLET WITCH

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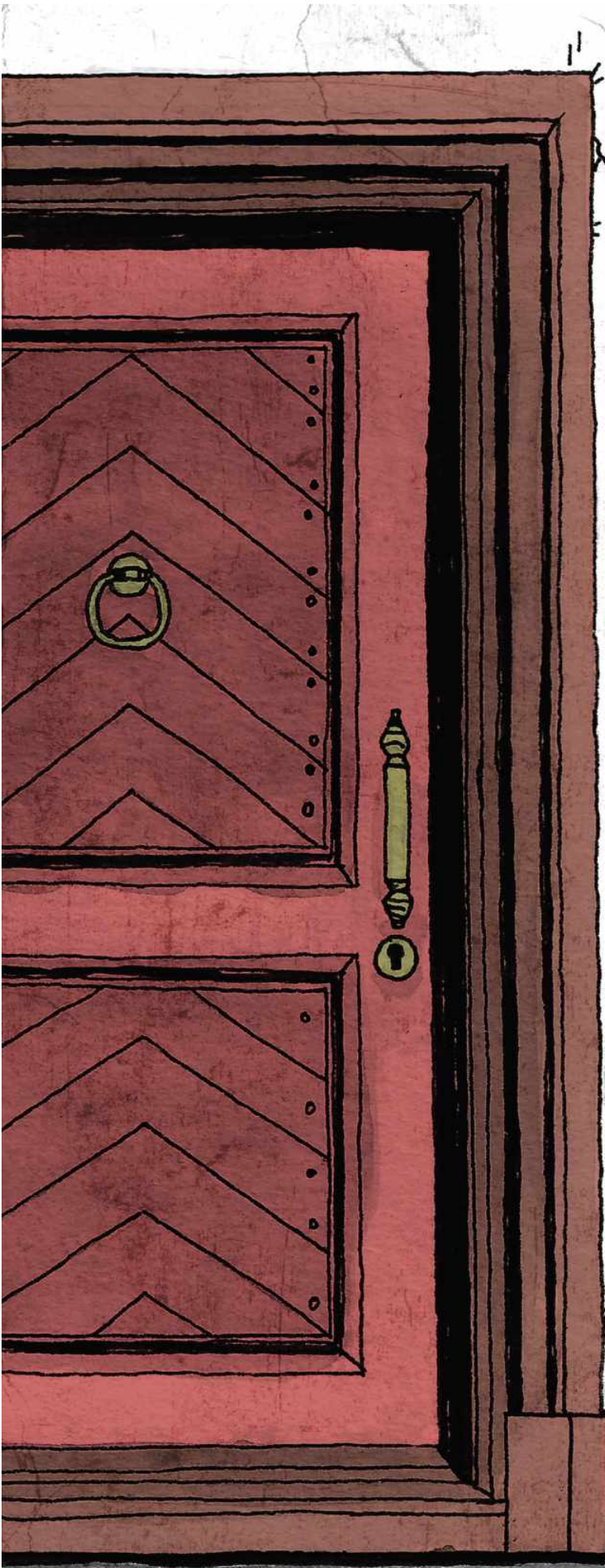
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"My friend Carlos Pacheco was a sweetheart of a guy who loved comics, the Marvel comics that he read as a child most of all. He brought an enthusiasm to his work that went beyond the drive of the professional — he was truly invested in the characters and their fictitious lives. His work combined the dynamics of John Byrne with the realism of Neal Adams, creating a synthesis that captured the essence of American super hero comics — a form that was exotic to Carlos as he first read the translated stories but which he absorbed and came to embody like a native. A citizen of Spain, the Marvel Universe was his true home."

— TOM BREVOORT

"Carlos was a dream collaborator who made every story better with his ideas, his brilliant storytelling and his beautiful art. But more, he was warmhearted, enthusiastic and a wonderful person. I was thrilled to work with him but happier still to have him as a friend. He will be enormously missed."

— KURT BUSIEK



*If your
NEED IS GREAT
and your
HOPE IS GONE,
there you will meet the...*

SCARLET WITCH

Wanda Maximoff has opened a witchcraft shop called Emporium that, in addition to selling magical remedies, is also home to the Last Door, a portal that appears only to those with nowhere else to turn. Wanda's latest guest is the synthezoid super hero Viv Vision, who claims her nightmares are trying to kill her...

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YOU ARE THE
SCARLET WITCH.
LOCAL GODLIKE BEING.
AND FOR YOU...

...THIS IS A
REUNION
OF SORTS.

DO YOU
DRINK TEA
THESE DAYS?

I...REMAIN
FULLY
FUNCTIONAL.

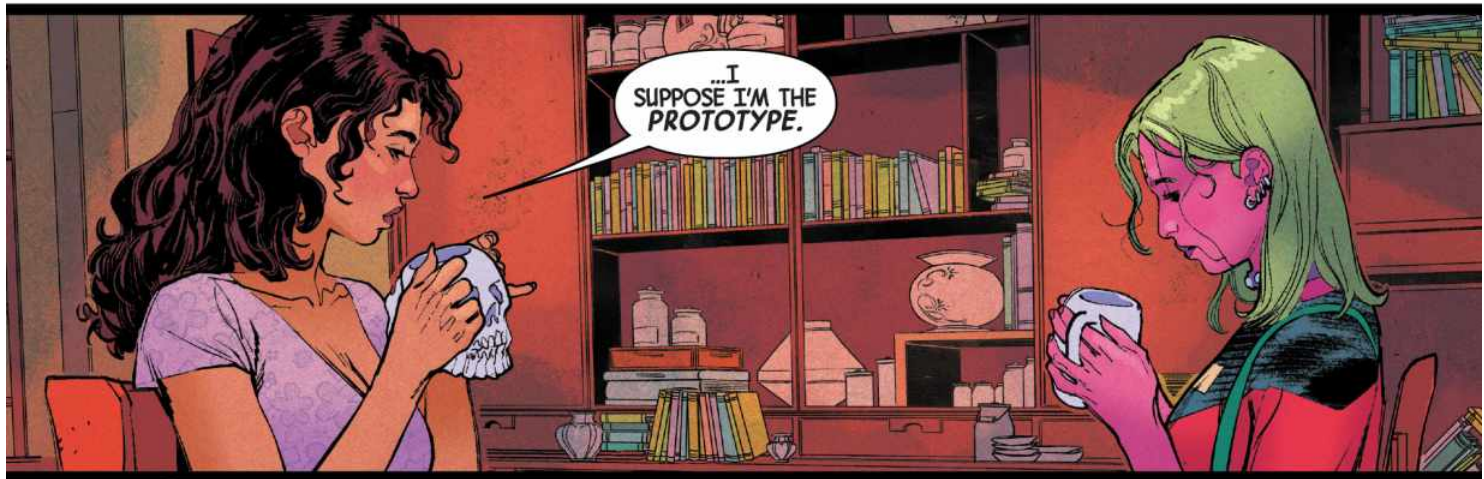
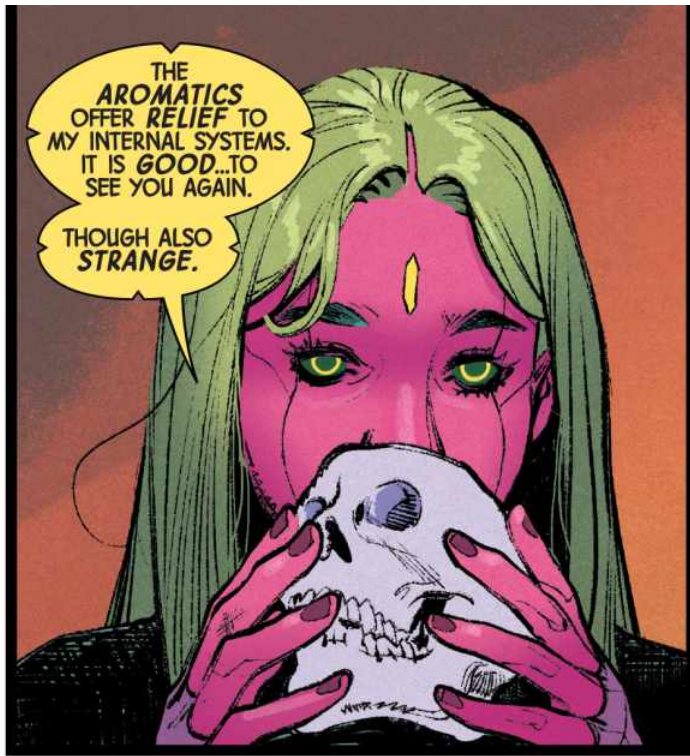


GREAT!
AND WE'RE
SERVING IT IN
SKULLS. MUST BE
A THURSDAY.

THANK
YOU, DARCY. IF
YOU DON'T MIND,
VIV AND I HAVE A
LOT TO CATCH
UP ON.

COULD YOU
GIVE US THE
ROOM?







...I WAS.

RECKONING WITH THE DEATHS OF MY MOTHER AND BROTHER WAS DIFFICULT. I BOTH WANTED MY EMOTIONS AND TO BE RID OF THEM.

THE CHAMPIONS HELPED ME ACCEPT MY SITUATION, AS FRIENDS CAN. THERE WERE FALSE STARTS. BACKSLIDING.

I THOUGHT I HAD FOUND PEACE. BUT THEN...

...THE DREAMS BEGAN.

A FORM OF REBEL CODE ATTACKING MY MIND. FOR WEEKS...

...I COULD NOT REST WITHOUT VIVID REMINDERS OF MY GREATEST SUFFERING.

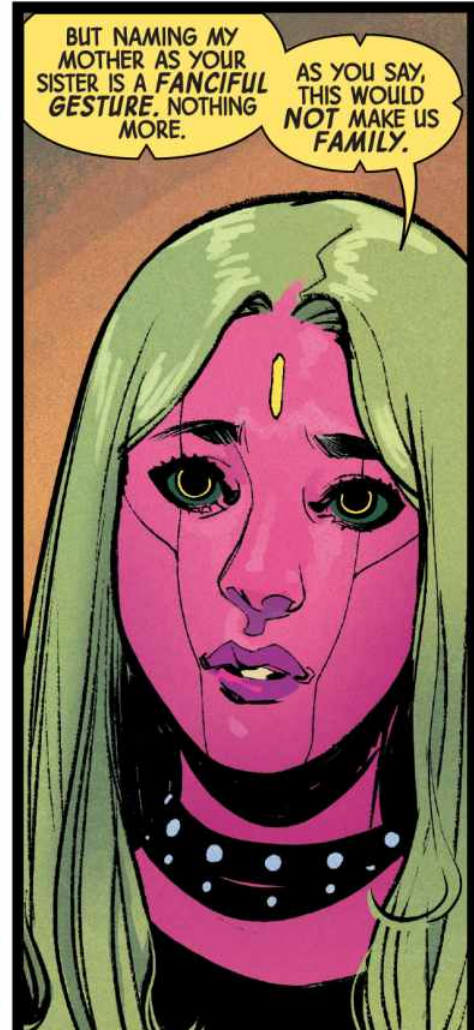


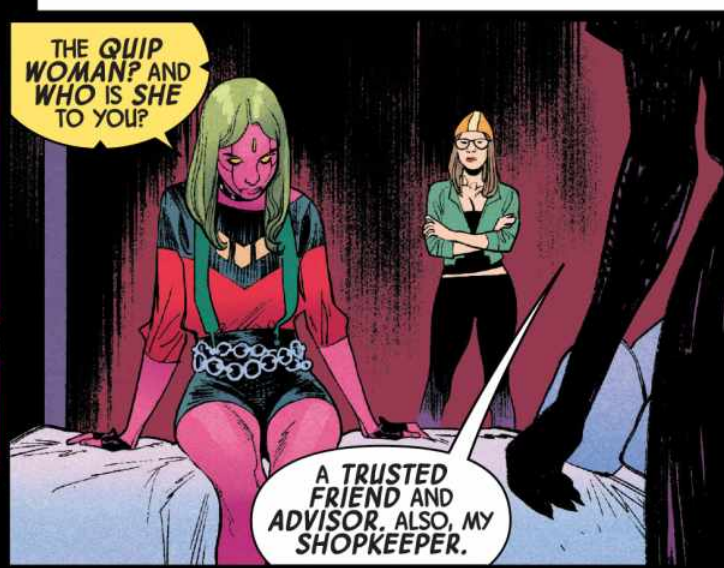
THOSE AREN'T DREAMS, VIV. THEY'RE NIGHTMARES.

I MAY BE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE DIFFERENCE. BUT MY BODY IS FAILING. MY MIND, MORE SO.



IF THESE NIGHTMARES DO NOT STOP, THEY WILL DESTROY ME IN TIME.







QUITE THE
WORLD YOU'VE
GOT HERE, VIV. IT'S
BEAUTIFUL.

FOOLS
LOOK TO YOUR
FATHER AND CALL
HIM ARTIFICIAL.

BUT WITNESSING
THIS--WHO COULD
SEE HIM, OR YOU, AS
ANYTHING...



...BUT
SIMPLY
ALIVE?



EVERY
INCH OF
YOUR MIND IS A
MIRACLE.

BUT THE
DANGER WON'T
BE HERE ON THE
SURFACE





DREAMQUEEN.
DAUGHTER OF
NIGHTMARE.

LEECH
EMPRESS
OF LIVEWORLD.
DEVOURER
OF HUMAN
MISERY.



BLINK

THE SCARLET WITCH KNOWS MY NAME. I'M FLATTERED.

I KNOW MANY PESTS-- AND HOW TO EXTERMINATE THEM.



QUAINT. YOUR THREATS, I MEAN. IN THE DREAMSCAPE, THE ONEIROMANCER IS GOD.

WHAT KIND OF GOD TORTURES A CHILD?



THE HUNGRY KIND. ANGUISH IS THE SOLE DELICACY ON WHICH I SUBSIST.

AND WHILE HUMAN MINDS BREAK IN TIME, HERE, I'VE FOUND A FEAST UNDYING.

NO, YOU'RE KILLING VIV. OR YOU WERE, UNTIL I ARRIVED.



TO WHAT, APPEAL TO MY BETTER NATURE?!

I KILLED MY MOTHER AT BIRTH, WITH NO REGRETS!

SPLASHOOM



DE NECREZUT...

...THESE ARE TEARS.

THE VISION'S. EVEN ANDROIDS CRY--WHEN DO YOU THINK HE CRIED MORE...

...WHEN HIS FAMILY DIED?



OR WHEN YOU GUTTED HIM IN ONE OF YOUR TANTALUMS

YOU'RE
NOT SEEING IT,
DREAMQUEEN!





FORGET
MY PAST.

MY PRESENT
WILL MAKE YOU
HUMBLE.

OUT THERE,
YOU COULD HAVE
ME ON A SPIT!

BUT
HERE?



YOUR
SPELLS ARE
TISSUE!

YOUR
MAGIC BENDS
TO ME LIKE
ANYTHING
ELSE!



SKREE

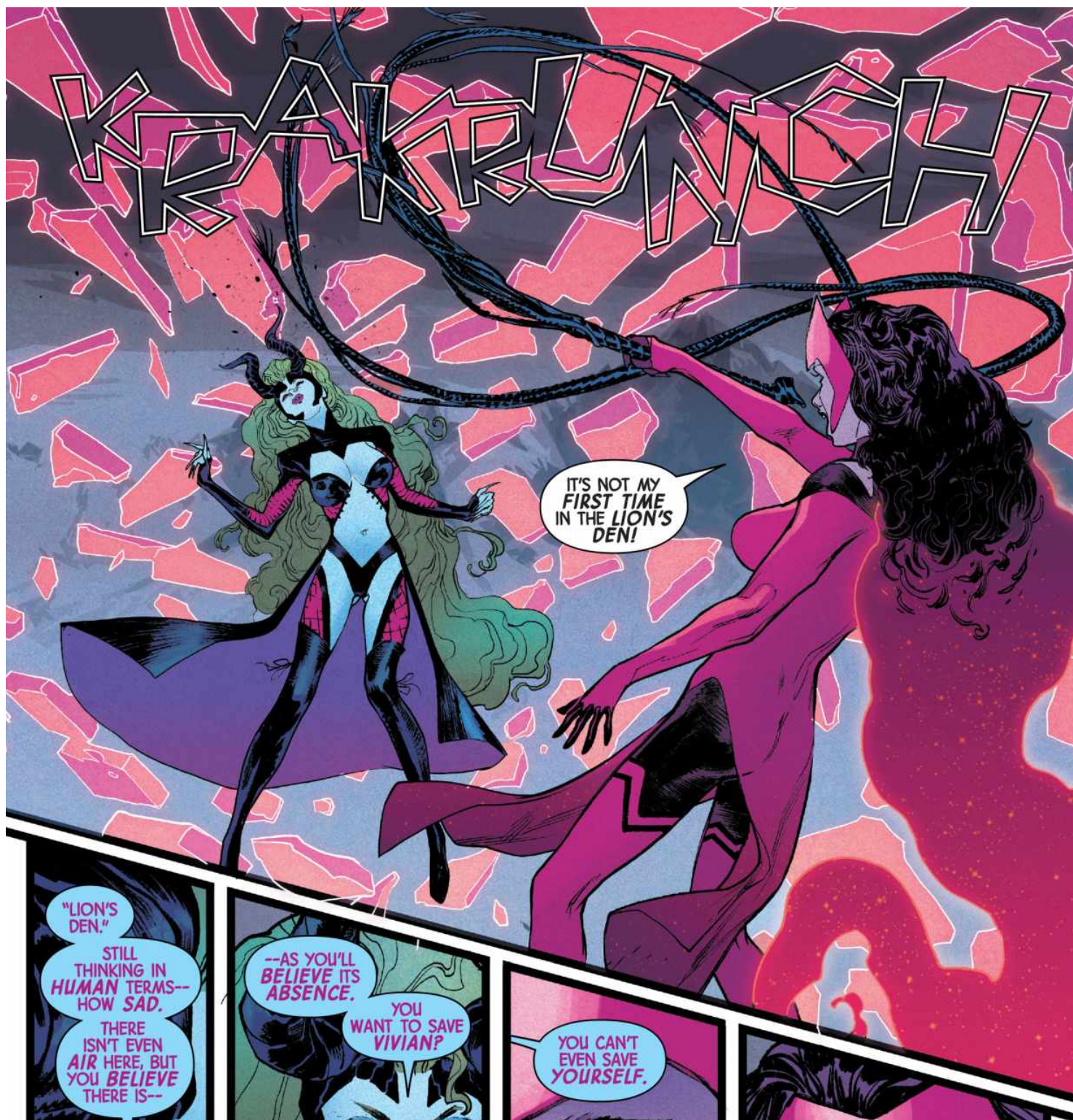


YOU SURE,
QUEEN?

VLL
LORRIP

HHH
PP

SNAP



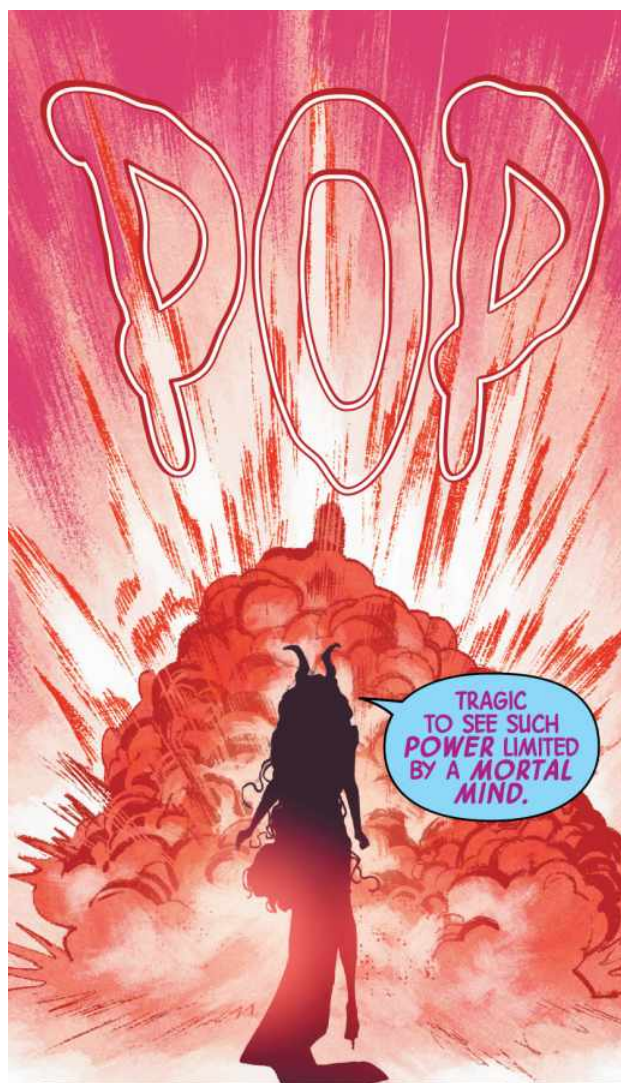
IT'S NOT MY
FIRST TIME
IN THE LION'S
DEN!

"LION'S
DEN."
STILL
THINKING IN
HUMAN TERMS--
HOW SAD.
THERE
ISN'T EVEN
AIR HERE, BUT
YOU BELIEVE
THERE IS--

--AS YOU'LL
BELIEVE ITS
ABSENCE.
YOU
WANT TO SAVE
VIVIAN?

YOU CAN'T
EVEN SAVE
YOURSELF.
HURGK!

HIRNGH--



TRAGIC
TO SEE SUCH
POWER LIMITED
BY A MORTAL
MIND.



DID YOU
THINK I'D JUST
KNEEL AND
SURRENDER MY
FATTED CALF?!



NO.

...WHAT?

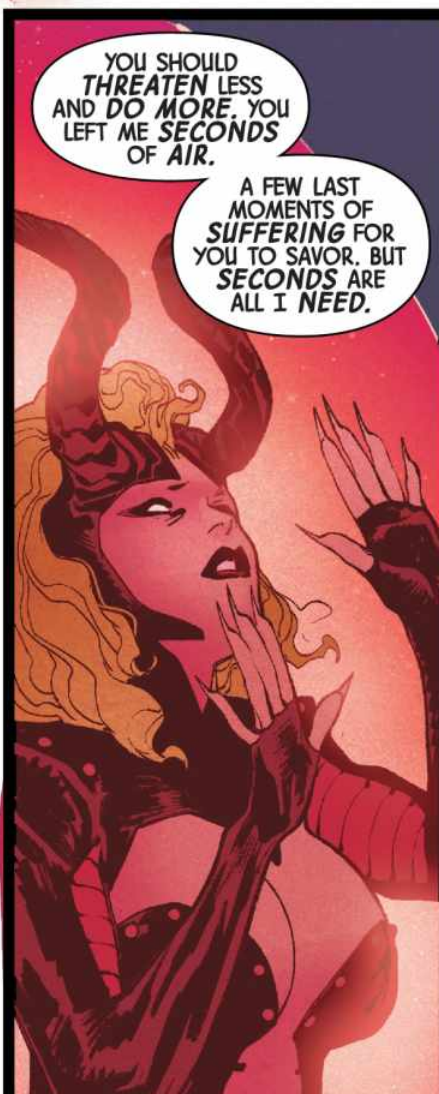
SHOW
YOURSELF.



YOU KNOW,
YOU *DID* CATCH
ME OFF GUARD.
BUT NOW...

...YOUR
CHOICES ARE
CLOSING IN.

I'LL CHOOSE
TO USE YOUR OFFAL
AS KINDLING!



YOU SHOULD
THREATEN LESS
AND DO MORE. YOU
LEFT ME SECONDS
OF AIR.

A FEW LAST
MOMENTS OF
SUFFERING FOR
YOU TO SAVOR. BUT
SECONDS ARE
ALL I NEED.



NO!
RELEASE
ME!

AND WHEN
YOU AIM FOR
THE SCARLET
WITCH...

...IT'S
BEST NOT
TO MISS.

I HEARD
YOU--HUMAN TERMS.
SUCH A BURDEN. SO
I CHANGED THE
TERMS. BECAME
LIGHT...

...SURROUNDED
YOU AND **SQUEEZED**.
THE **DREAMSCAPE'S** NOT
HARD TO MOLD, ONCE
YOU GET A **FEEL**
FOR IT.

I'LL
ROAST YOU,
WITCH!

THE SCENT
OF YOUR
FLESH WILL FILL
FLICKERING
REALMS!

WHAT YOU'LL
DO IS HEAR
MY OFFER.

WRATH IS
EASY. I'VE DEALT
PLENTY--BUT I'M
TRYING TO
CHANGE.

FREE VIV,
CEASE PREYING
ON HUMANITY AND
NEVER RETURN...
OR DON'T...

...AND YOUR
NEXT ATTACK ON
EARTH'S DREAMERS
WILL BE YOUR LAST.

EXILE TO
MY REALM...AND
JUST HOW LONG
DO YOU THINK I'LL
LIVE WITHOUT
SUSTENANCE?!

YOUR **MERCY**
IS STILL A DEATH



"...ONE
INTERWOVEN
WITH TRUTH.

"I DID SEND
DREAMQUEEN
HOME WITH A
HEARTY MEAL.

"AND ONE CATCH. A
TRANSFORMATION
SPELL, HIDDEN BY THE
TASTE OF MY PAIN.

"AS SHE DEVOURS
THE AGONY OF MY
GREATEST TRAGEDY...



"...DREAMQUEEN
WILL CHANGE.

"WHERE *ONCE* SHE LIVED OFF
SUFFERING, SHE'LL *NOW* HAVE
TO CONSUME *BLISS* TO SURVIVE.

"BUT I LEFT HER *TASTES*
UNCHANGED. THE *JOY* SHE
NEEDS WILL *DISGUST* HER.

"DREAMQUEEN JOKED THAT
I'D COME TO APPEAL TO
HER *BETTER NATURE*."

I THOUGHT I'D
GIVE HER ONE.
IT MUST BE
AGONY.

YOUR
PUNISHMENT
DOES MIRROR
THE CRIME.

IT'S
CALLED
POETIC
JUSTICE,
VIV...





IT IS...*UNUSUAL* TO BE SO AT PEACE AMONG THOSE I HARDLY KNOW.

A *GOOD UNUSUAL*, VIV. FAMILY OR NOT-- YOU'RE ALWAYS *WELCOME* HERE.



EVENTUALLY, PERHAPS. BUT AT THE MOMENT...

...I REMAIN FAR FROM HOME.



NONSENSE.

I'LL HAVE YOU BACK TO THE CHAMPIONS IN NO TIME. JUST TELL YOUR FATHER I SAY "HELLO."

I WILL. AND THANK YOU, WANDA...



"YOU ARE NEVER WHAT I EXPECT."

AND SHE'S GONE. SO, HOW'D YOU *DEBUG* YOUR EX'S DAUGHTER?

SOUNDS BAD. ALMOST AS BAD AS THIS SPELL MESS.

OH, YOU KNOW...DREDGED UP ONE OF MY *DEEPEST PERSONAL FAILURES* TO DEFEAT AN ANCIENT DREAM PARASITE.

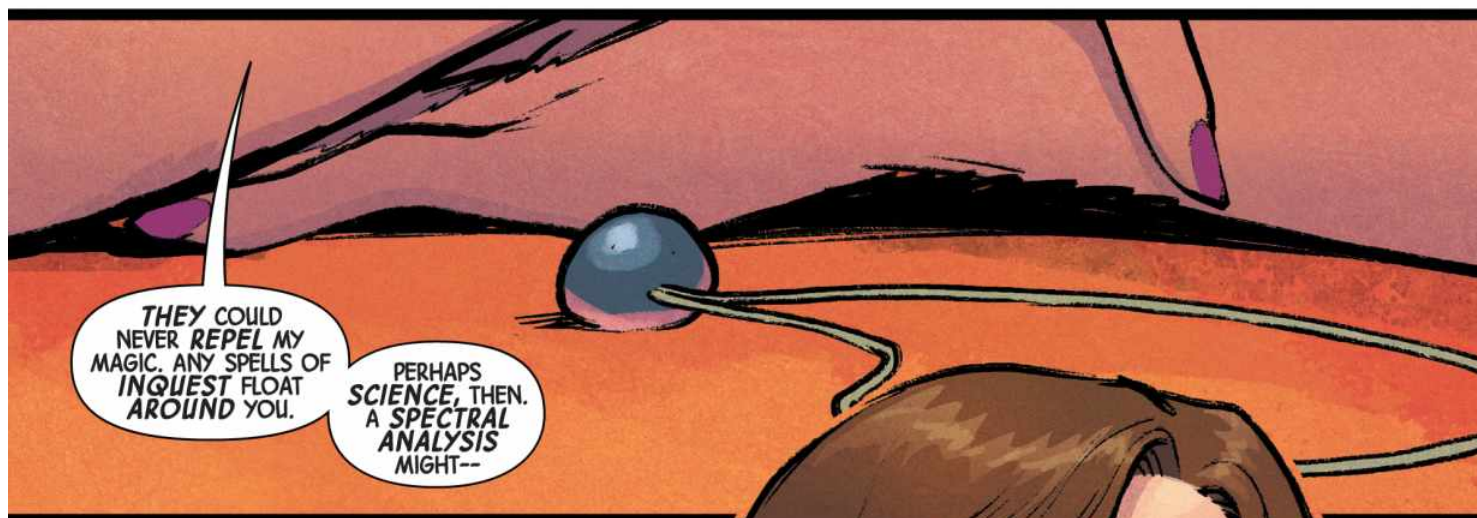
AS YOU SAID. A THURSDAY.

I'VE NEVER HEARD THE ASHES OF AARKUS DESCRIBED QUITE



WELL, YOUR BOY ASSKISS SHOULD LEARN TO SWEEP UP AFTER HIMSELF.

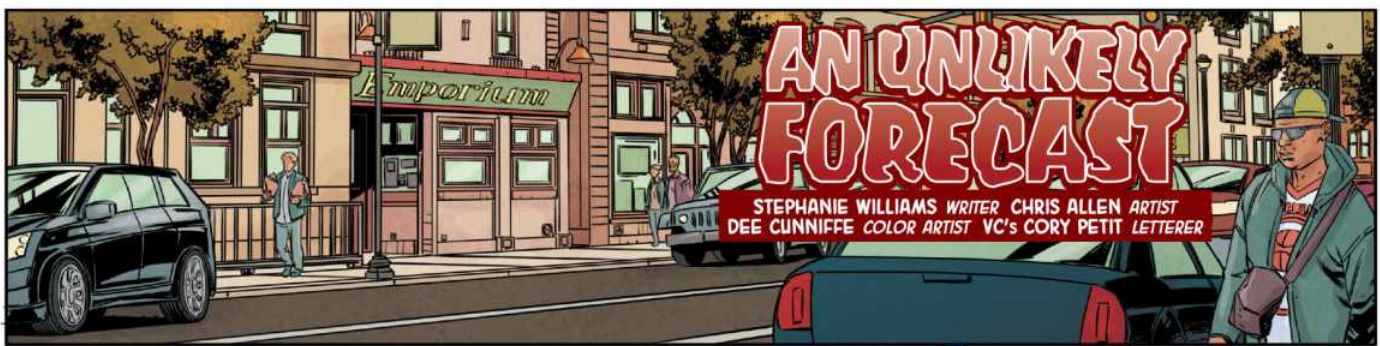
REGISTER'S *BALANCED* TIME FOR ME TO BE THE HERO...





**BAR WITH NO NAME.
WEST NEW YORK,
NEW JERSEY.**







WHAT DO YOU NEED?

I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF TAKING INVENTORY, AND I SEEM TO BE OUT OF AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT. THERE WAS A MIX-UP WITH A LOCAL DELIVERY RECENTLY.

SHE SHOULD REALLY LOOK INTO EXPANDING HER ROSTER OF FORAGERS.



ANYWAY...AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, DUE TO ITS LOCATION, TWO INDIVIDUALS OF MAGICAL BIRTHRIGHT ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN THE INGREDIENT WHEN IT IS NOT IN BLOOM.



WANDA, WHILE I'M FLATTERED, I'M NO PRACTICING SORCERESS.

THE POTENCY OF YOUR BIRTHRIGHT DWELLS IN YOU, NONETHELESS.



NOW, WHAT DO YOU SAY TO A QUICK GIRLS' TRIP?

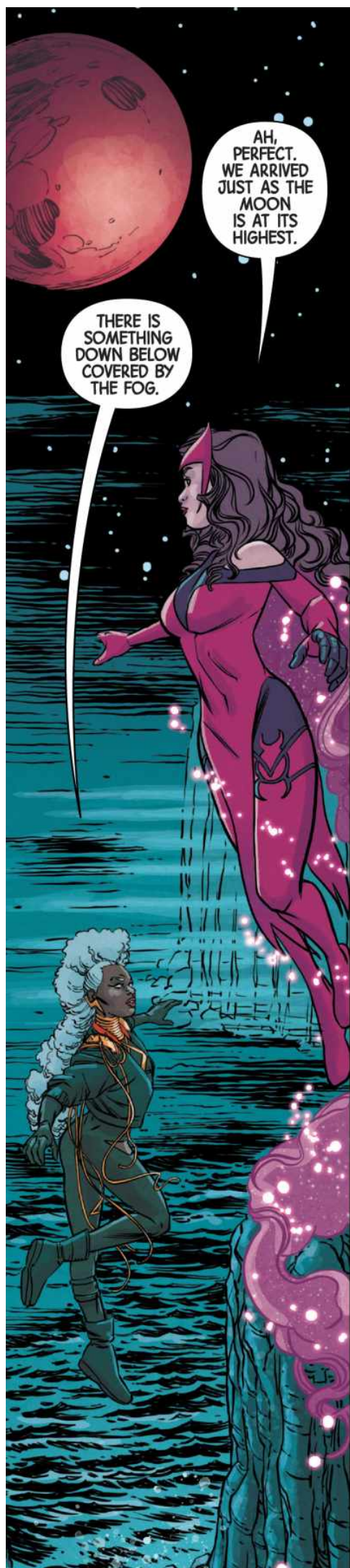


I SAY YOU SHOULD HAVE LED WITH GIRLS' TRIP.

NOTED.

DARCY, CAN YOU LOCK UP?

SURE THING.



THERE IS SOMETHING DOWN BELOW COVERED BY THE FOG.

AH, PERFECT. WE ARRIVED JUST AS THE MOON IS AT ITS HIGHEST.



LET ME CLEAR IT.



ORORO, YOU ARE VERY MUCH A PART OF THE SISTERHOOD.



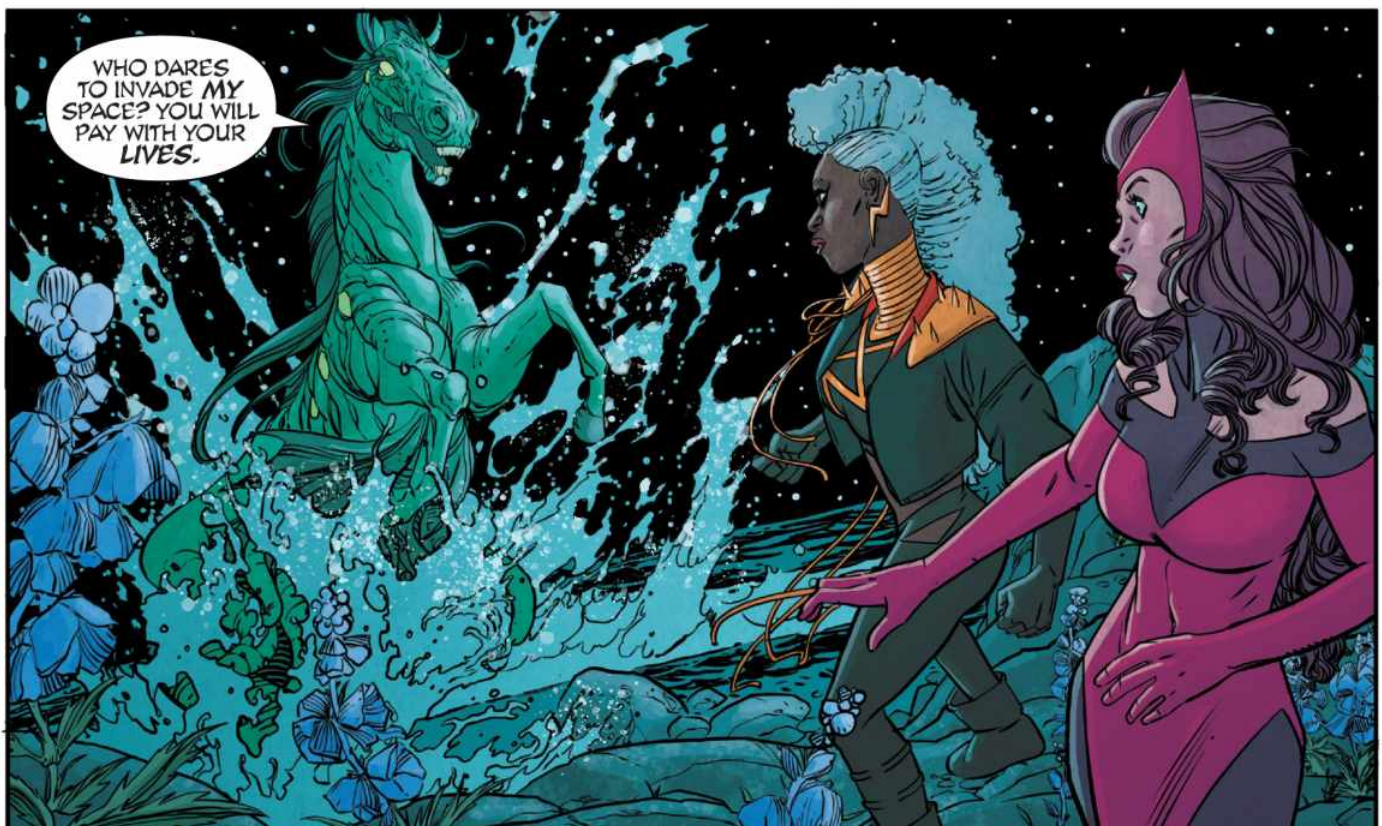
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, WANDA?

YOU SEE THINGS OTHERS DO NOT.



THAT WAS NO ORDINARY FOG. IT WAS A BARRIER MEANT TO KEEP THIS ISLAND HIDDEN.

AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, PRACTICING SORCERESS OR NOT, YOUR GIFTS ARE POTENT.





WHO IS THIS?
HE DOESN'T APPEAR
TOO HAPPY TO
SEE US.

HE IS A
POWERFUL WATER
SPIRIT AND KEEPER OF
THIS ISLAND DURING
THE HUNTER'S
MOON.

FWHOOOM



HE'LL DESTROY
THE FLOWERS IF
THIS GOES ON
FOR TOO LONG.



FOOLISH
WITCH. IS THIS
THE BEST YOU
CAN DO?



STORM, IF
YOU DON'T
MIND.



WITH
PLEASURE.



WHAT
MOCKERY IS
THIS? YOUR SIMPLE
MUTANT ABILITIES
HAVE NO PLACE
HERE.



THAT'S
WHERE YOU'RE
WRONG!



HER GIFTS
AREN'T SIMPLE, AS
YOU SO GRACIOUSLY
PUT IT. SHE WAS DOING
YOU A FAVOR BY HOLDING
BACK, BUT THAT TIME
IS OVER.

STORM, I
MEANT WHAT I
SAID ABOUT YOU
BEING PART OF THE
SISTERHOOD. TAP
INTO THAT AS
YOU SUMMON
LIGHTNING.



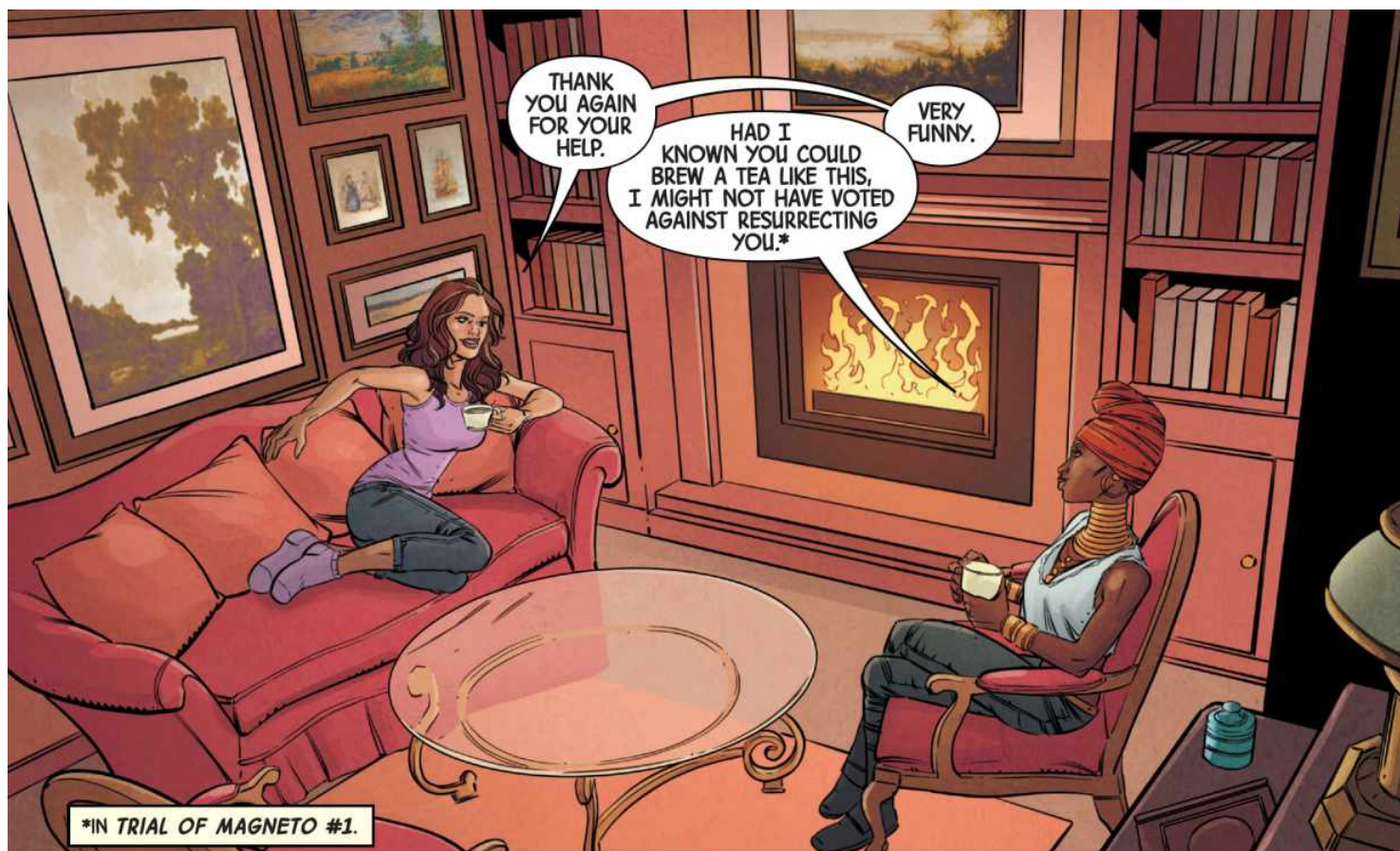
GREAT
ANCESTOR
AYESHA, I
CALL UPON
YOU.



FLOW THROUGH
ME, SO THAT WE
MAY OBTAIN WHAT WE
SEEK AND NOTHING
MORE.







Wanda,

Such adventure already for a new place
of business! Of course I'll help. A stone
that resists magic--that resists you--
is definitely intriguing. Something we
should be tracking, at least.

I had Pietra deliver the stone to
me--figured you'd want answers
sooner rather than later. I'll drop in
when I know more. Maybe we could
confer over coffee? Artsy towns like
Latheill always have great coffee.

Thanks for the mystery!
Lorna

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SUB-ATOMICA!**

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